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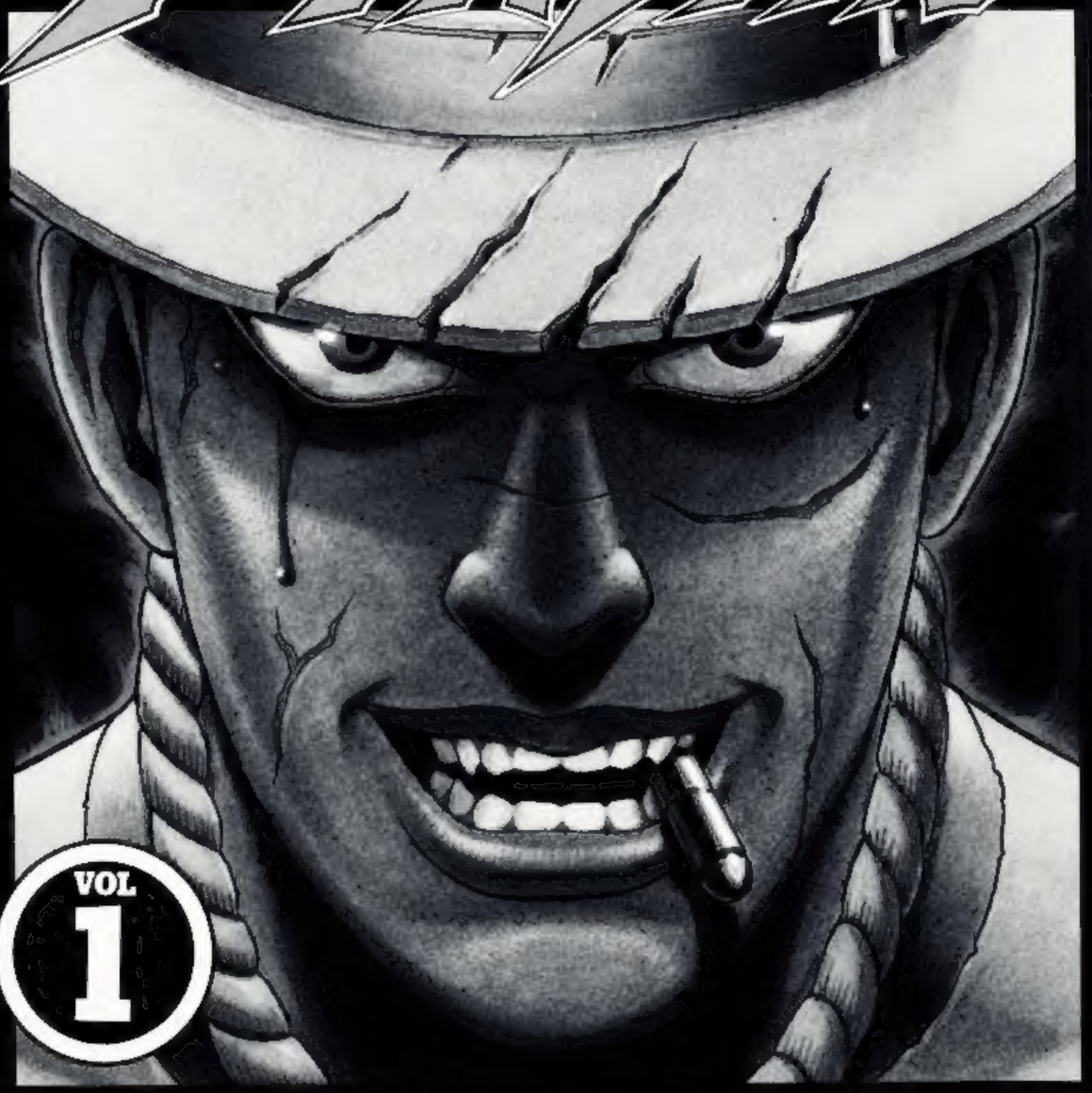

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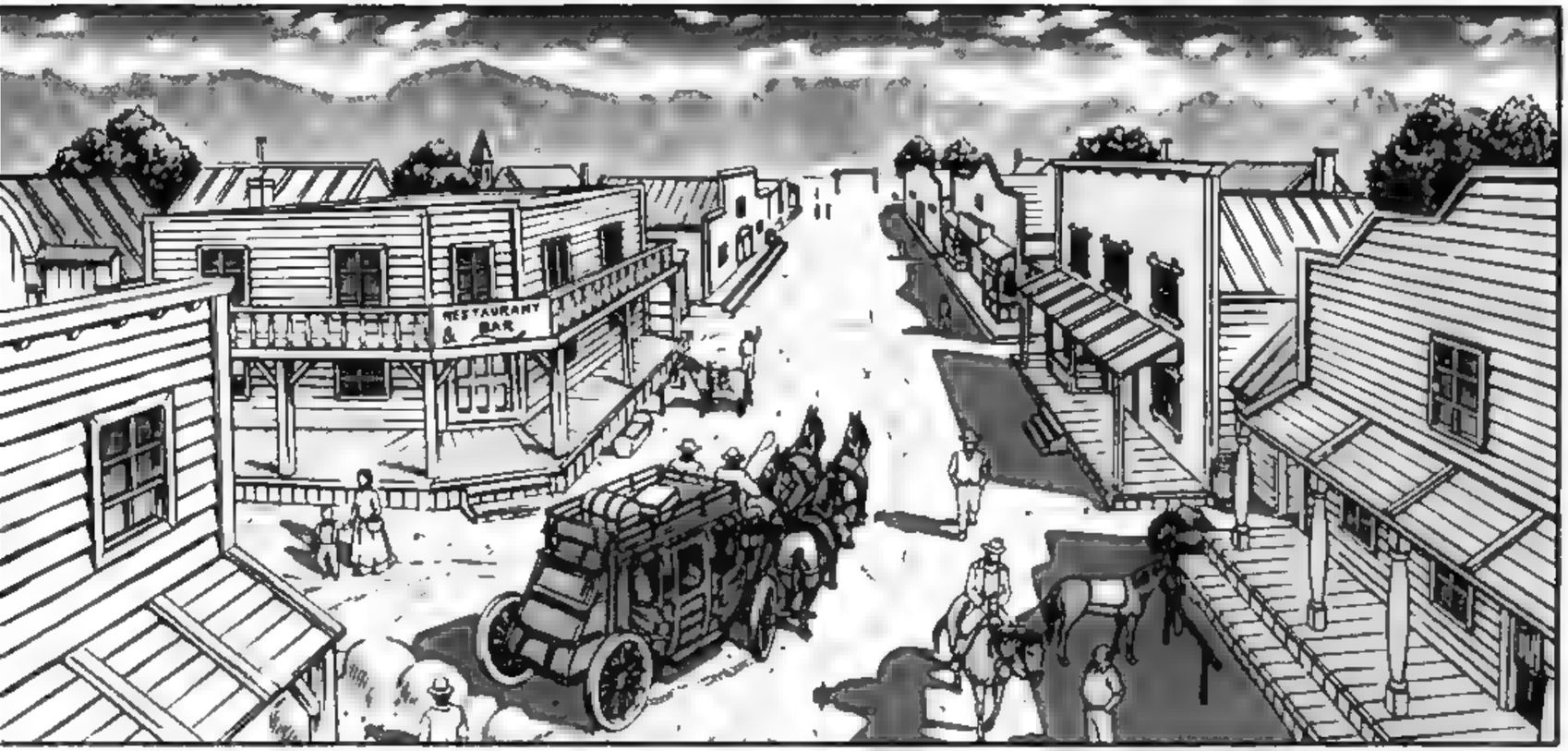
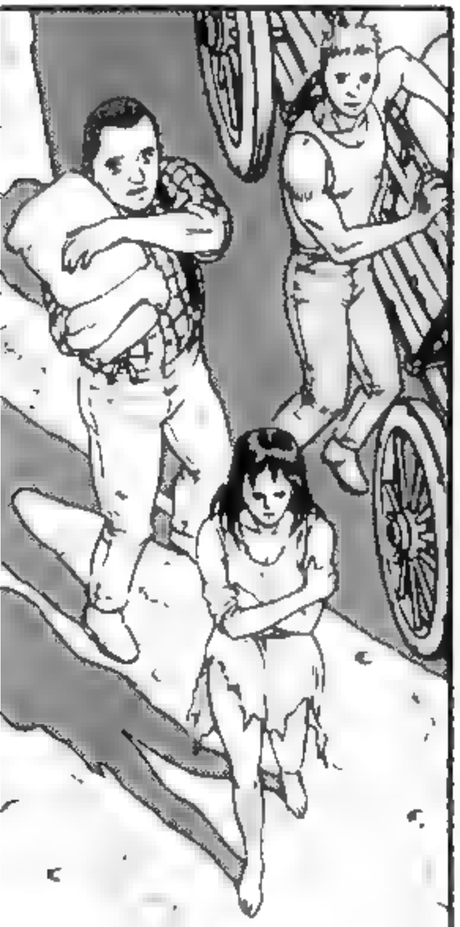
TRYING TO
PLAY SMART

LEFTOVERS...

AND YOU THOUGHT YOU'D GOTTEN AWAY...





AMERICA 1885

WHAT'S WRONG, LITTLE LADY...?

WHAT?

WHERE IS THE SHERIFF?

UH .. UHMM.

WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT...

SALOON

SETTLE DOWN NOW, SETTLE DOWN.

I BEG OF YOU, HELP ME!!

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CLANG

PLEASE, HELP ME!!

THE-... THERE'S A MAN AFTER MY LIFE!

HEY NOW...

AH..

THAT'S THE MAN TRYING TO KILL ME...!

THAT'S HIM...!!

AHHH ..

IF YOU DON'T WANT A BEATIN'...

SCAT!!

HELP ME!

THIS HERE BAR'S FOR WHITE FOLKS ONLY.

STOP RIGHT THERE, BOY!

HHH...

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ガラン

"PTEH"

SH-... SHERIFF!!

N-... NO...

NOOOO!!!

WHOAAA!!!

LET HER GO, SLOWLY NOW.

OR DO YOU WANT TO EAT A BULLET?

DON'T MOVE.

GET UP!

I'LL LEAD YOU TO YOUR CELL.

I KNEW IT.

I THOUGHT I'D SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE...

EVEN THOUGH YOU'D ALREADY BLASTED HER WITH A 10 GAUGE AT POINT-BLANK RANGE?

YOU WANTED TO SMASH HER FACE IN,

AIN'T NO MISTAKE...

REW
$ 5,0
DEAD

IS THIS BE-CAUSE OF SOME HATRED YOU HAVE TOWARDS US WHITE FOLKS?

WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO DO?

PLAYING DUMB WON'T DO YOU NO GOOD, BOY.

DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

AND A DAMNED MURDERER!!!

"BLOOD RAIN" VICTOR!!

A FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER,

VICTOR FREEMAN.

REWARD

$5,000

DEAD OR ALIVE

"BLOOD RAIN" VICTOR

NOW I HAVE TO SPEND SOME WORTHLESS TIME ON THIS...

THIS DEVIL'S SLAUGHTERED OVER NINE WHITES...

THERE'S NO NEED TO LET THE COURTS JUDGE YOU.

THERE'S ONLY ONE SENTENCE THEY'D PASS DOWN FOR THE LIKES OF YOU.

... DAMNED ANNOYING...

WHERE'S THE WOMAN?

LOCK HIM BACK UP, NOW!

WHA-... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

!?

WHAT?

THE UNDERTAK-ER'S PLACE, OF COURSE.

SHE'S DEAD ALREADY!!

END HIM!

KILL HIM! PUT HIM TO DEATH!

GIVE US THE MURDERER, WE'LL PUT AN END TO HIM FOR YOU!!

MARSHAL

LEAVE THIS TO US AND GET ON HOME!!

WE'LL HAVE NO LYNCHING HERE!

A PHENOMENON YOU'LL ONLY SEE HERE IN THE SOUTH.

THAT'S A LARGE CROWD OUT THERE THAT WANTS TO LYNCH THIS BLACK MAN.

SO TO THAT LOT OUT THERE YOU'RE QUITE THE IDEAL GAME.

NOT TO MENTION

THEY ARE JUSTIFIED IN THIS WISH SINCE HE IS A MURDERER.

THERE'S PROBABLY NO REASON TO MENTION IT...

... BUT AFTER SEEING THOSE SCARS,

. BUT,

YOU'VE ALREADY SUFFERED QUITE A LOT.

WHAT THOSE BAS-TARDS,

DID BACK WHEN I WAS JUST A CHILD

TO MY FATHER.

IS

IS THAT WHY YOU HATE ALL OF US WHITE FOLKS!?

IS THAT WHY YOU INDISCRIMINATELY KILLED NINE PEOPLE... EVEN CHILDREN!?

DAMN IT, WHAT THE HELL IS HE THINKING!?

WHO NEEDS THIS MUCH EQUIPMENT TO KILL A LONE WOMAN?

THIS WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR A BEAR.

A 10 GAUGE SHOTGUN WITH ABOUT 15 SHELLS.

A 45MM COLT WITH ABOUT 30 ROUNDS.

TWO KNIVES...

YOU PLANNING ON BOXING SOME BEARS, BOY?

AND ON TOP OF ALL THAT, A STEEL GLOVE...

IT WOULD BE CUTER,

IF IT WERE A BEAR

... WHAT A WASTE, YOU KNOW...

WILL YOU STOP THAT?

SUCH A FINE LADY...

WOUNDS ?

I DON'T SEE ANY--

WE'RE BURYING HER ONCE WE'VE STITCHED UP THE WOUNDS.

GET EVERY-THING READY.

ARE YOU DRUNK, BOY?

.....!

THIS HERE LADY TOOK A LOAD OF SHOT STRAIGHT TO HER TORSO...

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING!?

WHAT, OLD MAN? GETTIN' SENILE?

BUT, WHEN THEY BROUGHT HER THERE I DEFINITELY SAW IT!!

HUH?

POPS?

WAAAAAAAAHHH!

DEAR GOD...

WHAT IN THE WORLD...

VICTOR, YOU BASTARD...

YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?

SAY THAT AGAIN.

FUNNY, FUNNY.

MAYBE IT WAS A BEAR?

WHAT THE HELL DID THAT!?

ANSWER ME!!

f" f"..

SHE'S A MAN-EATER.

INCIDENTS INVOLVING MAN-EATERS WERE FREQUENT DURING THE MIDDLE AGES IN EUROPE.

SO FREQUENT IN FACT THAT DETAILED DOCUMENTS REMAIN ABOUT THE TRIALS AND EXECUTIONS.

ONLY AT NIGHT DO THEY REVEAL THEIR TRUE SELVES,

AND CON-SUME ONLY PEOPLE.

BLOOD RELATIVES OF THE DARK.

ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS,

THEY APPEAR ONLY AT NIGHT...

THEY ARE GROTESQUE MONSTERS,

WITH HUMAN KNOWLEDGE AND BEAST FORM, OR SO IT WAS WRITTEN.

IT WASN'T JUST HUMANS THAT CAME TO THIS COUNTRY.

THIS IS FAR FROM LEGEND...

IT IS THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH.

BEAST DEMONS.

DEVILS WEARING A HUMAN SKIN...

THEY'VE HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS OF HUMAN SOCIETY AND LIVED QUITE CLEVERLY FOR SOME HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

HER TRUE FORM IS KNOWN.

SO SHE WILL BE HERE SOON.

TONIGHT...

YOU'RE SAYING THAT LADY'S A WEREWOLF? OR MAYBE A VAMPIRE?

SO, WHAT?

QUITE SMART FOR A BLACK MAN, AIN'T YA...

SHH.

A FULL MOON...

HEHE... AS IF I'D BELIEVE THAT...

HOW RI-DICU-LOUS...

SHH.

SHH.

SHH. SHH...

KHH.

LET'S GO, BOYS.

!

HOW LONG ARE YOU LOT GOING TO BE HERE?

GET ON HOME!!

MARSHAL

WHAT?

IT'S GETTING NOISY OUT THERE...

HA
HA
HAH
...
I'VE
FOUND
YOU!!!

... THERE'S NO WAY SOMETHING THIS PREPOSTEROUS...

THIS CAN'T BE...

... HEHEH... WAIT RIGHT THERE.

I'LL DEVOUR YOU SOON!!

WA-WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

WHAA--

WHAT IN BLAZES!?

HAHAHA, TAKE THIS!!

GEEHHH...

GAAGH.

HAH..

WHAT, WHY!?

WHA --

GIVE ME MY WEAPONS.

MY WEAPONS.

... DARE YOU ...

... HOW ...

DON'T COMPLAIN, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!!

... DO THAT... TO ME...

HOW DARE YOU...

HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO ME!!!

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A A DEVIL HAS COME ...!!

A DEVIL !!!

AH-AHHH...

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS!?

Kaaaaaah!

SHE'S... SHE'S A DEVIL!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

THAT GET HER!?

TCH.

WHAT A HORRIBLE CREATURE!!

STOP.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU SHOOT HER WITH STEEL BULLETS, IT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

IN ORDER TO KILL THESE BASTARDS,

YOU HAVE TO SMASH OPEN THEIR HEADS!!

THE LIVING DEAD

ARE YOU INSANE, BOY!?

ROUND 2...

BRING IT.

COME ON...

BITCH
!!!!!

I'LL
BLOW
YOU
APART
!!!

EEEKKK!!!

WHAT IN THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE...!?

WHA--

UHH ....

GUAAAAAH!

"PEEP"

!

!

JUDGE, WHAT'S THAT...?!

PICKING A FIGHT WITH AN IMMORTAL BEAST...

HEHEH... WHAT A STUPID MAN...

TONIGHT'S A FULL MOON!!!

NOT EVEN GOD CAN KILL ME NOW.

Gyaaaa

ah!

IMMOR-
TAL!?

DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH.

EAT...

THIS!

!?

I'VE SMASHED MANY OF YOU BASTARDS.

AND I'LL DO THE SAME TO YOU.

SHH!

NO!!
チリ...

THIS...

... CAN'T BE...

SO THERE WERE BULLETS HIDDEN IN THERE...!!

BLASTER KNUCKLES.

HOW'S THAT PURE SILVER TASTING?

I WILL SLAUGHTER ANY WHOSE TRUE FORM IS THAT OF A BEAST!!

NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU ADAPT YOURSELVES TO US HUMANS, YOU CAN'T FOOL MY EYES.

ONE DAY...

OR CHILD...!!

WHETHER THEY BE WOMAN...

HOW FOOLISH...

HEH... HEHEH...

ARE YOU TRYING FOR THE NOOSE...

THEN DO IT...

YOU WILL BE JUDGED BY THE LAW, AND DESTROYED.

HE ESCAPED!?

WHAT?

WE... WE'RE VERY SORRY.

HE HIT US WHEN WE WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION...

AND WHEN WE CAME TO, HE'D ALREADY GOTTEN ON A HORSE AND...

YOU WORTHLESS FOOLS...

WE CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY NOW!

YOU WILL CATCH HIM!!

WHAT IS THE SHERIFF DOING!?

HE'S CURRENTLY IN PURSUIT OF VICTOR BY HIMSELF...

THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT IT THAT LOOKS LIKE A BEAST ANYMORE.

WHEN THE SUN ROSE IT WAS A NORMAL CORPSE.

YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?

LOOK.

HURRY!

GET TOGETHER A POSSE AND RIDE AFTER THE SHERIFF.

WE HAVE NO PROOF THAT WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT ACTUALLY HAPPENED...

WE CAN'T GO PUBLIC WITH JUST A CORPSE AND SOME TESTIMONIES.

AND IF RUMORS OF THESE BEASTS SPREAD,

NO ONE WILL COME TO THIS TOWN EVER AGAIN.

TAKE CARE OF THIS AS YOU WOULD ANY SERIAL KILLER'S CASE!!

PUT A BULLET IN HIS HEAD!

THERE'S NO REASON TO CAPTURE HIM ALIVE, GOT THAT?

KILL HIM!!

I'VE NEVER HAD SOMETHING THIS ODD HAPPEN TO ME BEFORE.

YOU WON'T LIVE LONG.

AM I WRONG ?

AND IT SEEMS THAT THOSE YOU'VE KILLED BEFORE WERE THE SAME...

THE HELPLESS VICTIM OF A MURDERER

TURNING INTO SOME MAN EATING MONSTER.

... BUT THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU IN THIS FIGHT.

THOUGH I DON'T WANT TO AT MY AGE.

OHH...

SO YOU BELIEVE ME?

TO THE REST OF THE WORLD YOU'LL JUST BE A MURDERER.

BOUNTY HUNTERS AND THE POLICE HAVE NEVER BEEN THE PROBLEM.

WHO CARES.

WHY!? WHY DO YOU DRIVE YOURSELF SO HARD!?

ANY WHO GET IN MY WAY!!

I WILL KILL

HAH!

BECAUSE THEY *ATE* HIM!!!

AHH

AHH...

I SAW IT...

... BACK THEN, I...

NO IL-LUSION.

THIS WAS NO NIGHT-MARE,

AND I KNEW...

BUT ANOTHER REALITY!!!

MEH..

QUICKLY NOW, DISAPPEAR!!

A POSSE WILL BE AFTER YOU SOON.

OUTLAW.

DON'T BITE THE BIG ONE...

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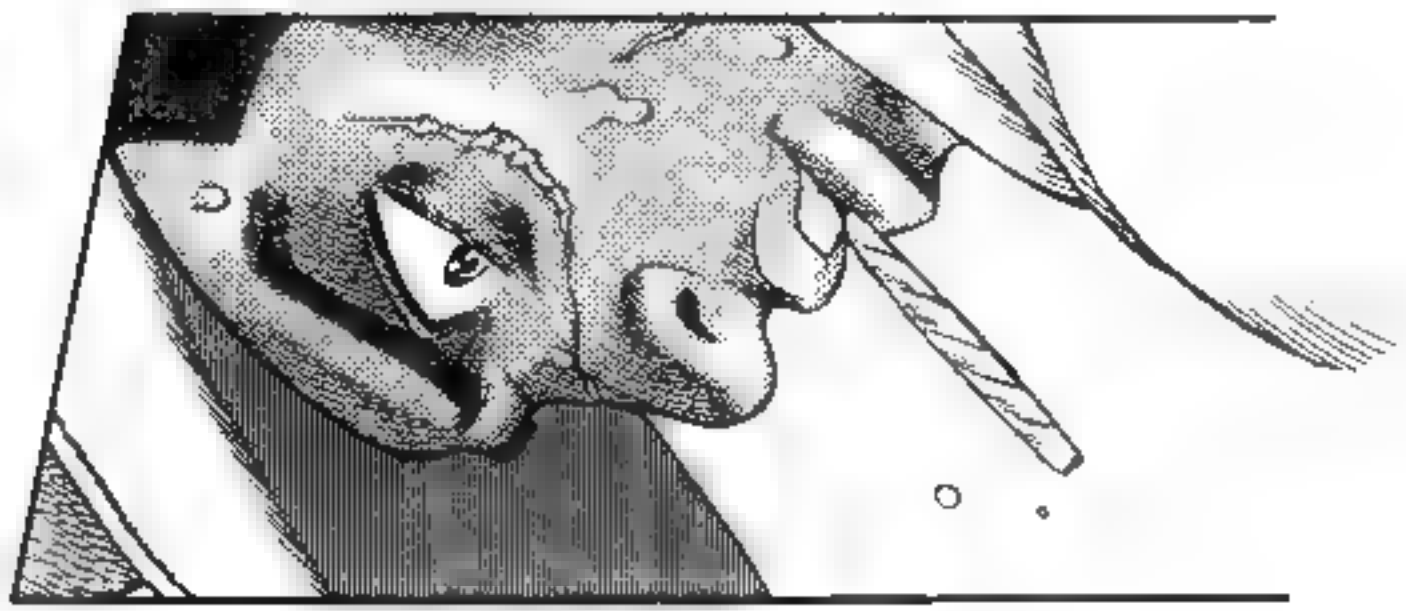


BLASTER · KNUCKLE

BACK THEN, I...
I SAW IT...

THIS WAS NO NIGHTMARE, NO ILLUSION.

BUT ANOTHER REALITY...

AND I KNEW...

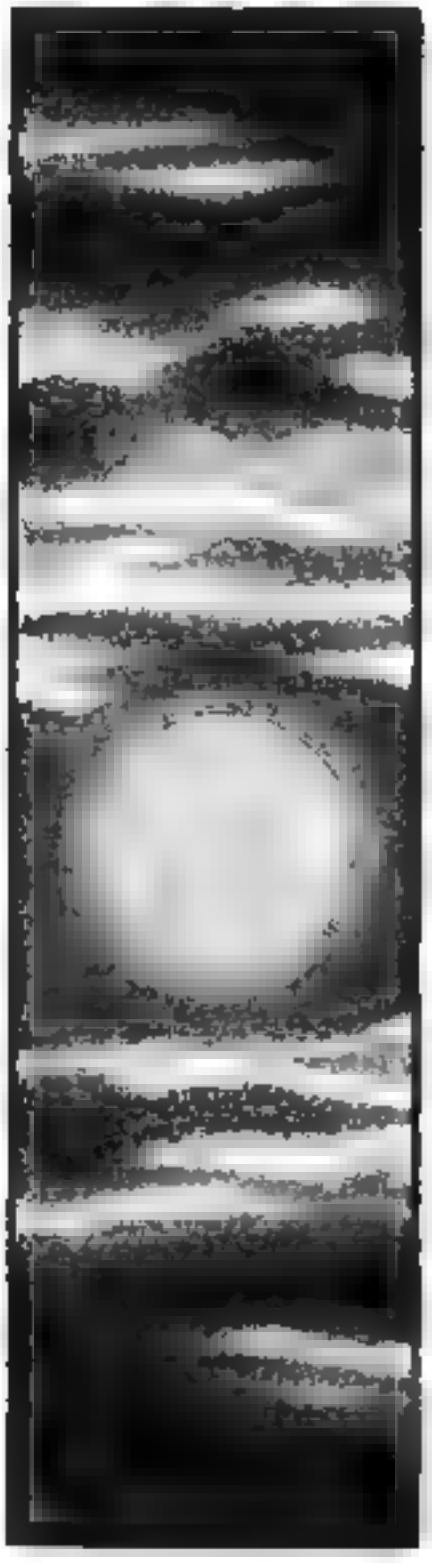
BLASTER: KNUCKLE

PART TWO: COFFIN FOR THE WEAK, CH01

OUR GREAT, YET YOUNG COUNTRY SUFFERED THROUGH MANY A BLOODY DISPUTE.

AFTER SOME TIME, WE ACHIEVED REMARKABLE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY.

THE 19TH CENTURY,



THE DAWN OF THESE TUMULTUOUS TIMES.

HOWEVER, EVEN IN THIS OUR BRIGHTEST HOUR...

THE ABOMINABLE DARK AGES STILL LIVE ON, UNFETTERED.

THE ONCE ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE NOW FREE, BUT...

A NEW DARK AGE WAS BEGINNING...

AMERICA, 1885

HAH...

HAH...

HAH

HAH

HAH...

WE'LL WHICH WAY?

DON'T PANIC

SHE CAN'T RUN AWAY, THAT'S FOR SURE.

SHE'S HURT

WILL TIRE OUT SOON.

THE SWINE

MMM

MMM

YOU GUYS EVER DONE IT WITH A PIGGY?

HEHE... HEY...

HAAH ...

... I CAN'T...

"SOB" ...

I CAN'T GO ANY FARTHER...

!

HEY, HERE SHE IS!

OVER HERE!!

NO, I AIN'T SEEN HIM 'ROUND HERE BEFORE...

FRIEND OF HERS?

WHO THE HELL IS HE...!?

BUST HIM UP.

HE HE...

SKIN'S BLACK, THEY'RE ALL THE SAME.

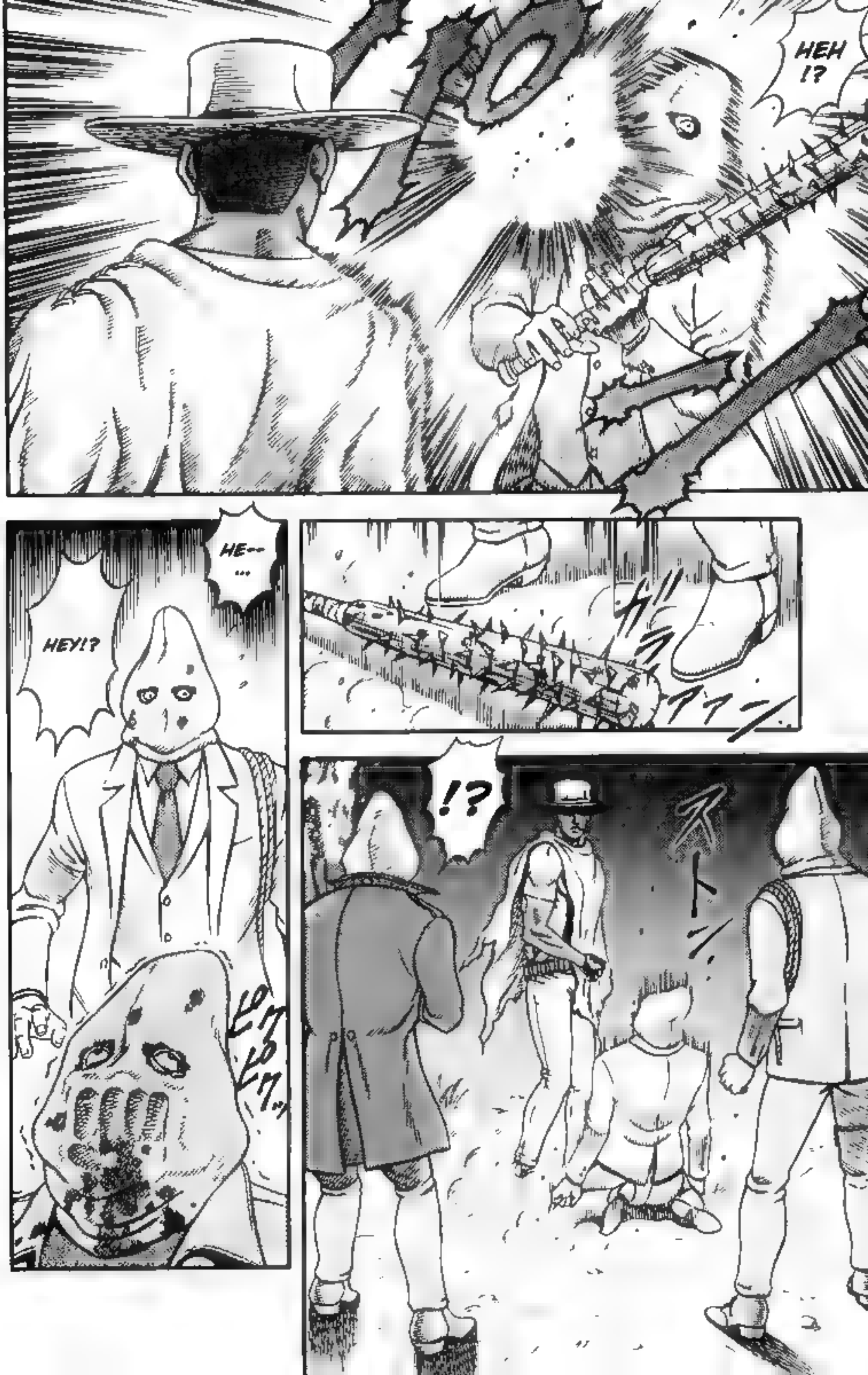
DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE.

DOESN'T MATTER ...

YOU'RE RIGHT...

HE-HE-HEH...

LOOKS LIKE WE GOT TWO BLACK LITTLE PIGGIES NOW...


HEH
!?
HE--
...
HEY!?
!?

PUNT

ARE LIFT

FOUR BY
ARE

BRING IT.

WHITE SWINE.

YOU INSANE, BOY?

ALL AT ONCE NOW, BOYS, DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.

HE MOVES FUNNY.

NIGGER ...

ALL READY TO GO, HUH...

HEH.

WE WON'T STAND FOR YOU UNDER-ESTIMATIN' US, NIGGER!

YEAH!

DIE!!

AHHH!
CLINK!

SHH.

SH-
SHH!

GAAAH!

WHAT'S WITH THIS NIGGER...!?

WHAT THE HELL?

WHA-...

AA--...

AACCKK ...!!

!!

SHI

.....
.....
!!

.....
.....
.....

HE TOOK OUT FOUR GUYS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
... THAT ... WAS AMAZING!!
WITH HIS BARE HANDS...!!

?

HEY

TCH.

HE AIN'T ONE OF THEM.

CAN YOU STAND?

I'VE GOT THINGS TO ASK YOU.

IT'S ABOUT THESE GUYS...

THEY'D EVICT US BLACKS FROM OUR HOMES FOR FUN.

... IT STARTED ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO.

THAT'S WHEN THEY STARTED TO "HUNT" US...

AND WE'D GET LYNCH MOBBED IF THEY CAUGHT US...

THEY'LL HURT OUR LEGS AND THEN LET US RUN AWAY.

IN THE END,

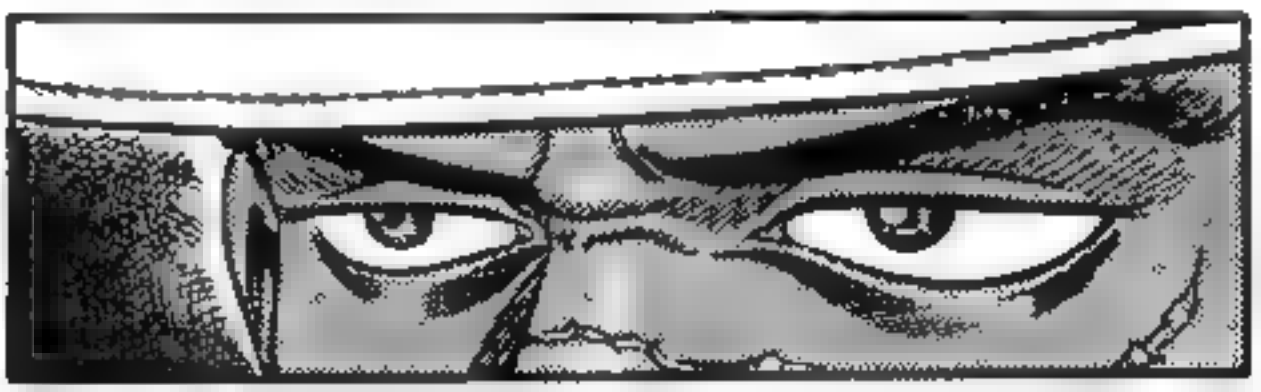
THEY'D KILL US.

THEY TAKE THEIR TIME CATCHING US AND ENJOY EVERY MINUTE!!

SOMETIMES THEY EVEN USE STARVED HUNTIN' DOGS...

HOW CAN...
HOW CAN THEY KILL FOR FUN?

THEY AREN'T HUMAN, I TELL YOU!!
THEY DON'T THINK OF US BLACKS AS HUMAN!
BUT THEY DO SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS...



HOW...!?

THAT'S FIVE PEOPLE KILLED LAST YEAR.

DANIELLE.

ANNIE...

LINDA...

JODY.

MR. HENSON...

IT'S BECAUSE THEY KILL US SO CRUELLY...

PAPA SAID,

MOST OF THESE GRAVES

DON'T EVEN HAVE A BODY.

THERE'D AT LEAST BE A CORPSE LEFTOVER.

IF IT WAS JUST KILLIN',

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

!

HUH!?

IT'S NOTHING...

NO...

....
....
....

AND JUST EATING.

HERE, TOO...

SO THEY'RE HUNGRY.

STILL.

THEY'RE GETTING CARELESS ...

ABOUT HIDING THEIR TRUE FORM...

I CAN SEE IT.

THERE'S OUR VILLAGE.

CECILE!!

CE-...

OH MY...

YOU HAD US WORRIED SICK...

I'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO GO OUT ALONE...

.. OH, THANK GOOD-NESS.

VICTOR.

CECILE, WHO'S HE?

OH.

THIS WON'T DO.

OH NO...

HE SAVED ME.

VICTOR FREEMAN.

HIS NAME IS...

THEY'VE GOT MASKS ON, BUT WE KNOW THEIR NAMES AND THEIR FACES.

THOSE GUYS

ARE PART OF THAT LOT IN TOWN.

BUT EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW, THERE'S NOT A THING WE CAN DO.

YOU'RE BLACK TOO,

SO YOU SHOULD KNOW WHY NOT.

THEY KIDNAP US...

RAPE US...

LIE TO US, AND...

WE'RE FORCED TO BEAR ALL OF IT IN SILENCE.

HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.

TO US BLACKS, THIS COUNTRY

....
....
....

PAPA...

DAR-LING...!

BLACKS ARE VERY PATIENT!?

WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP.

WHO WOULD WANT TO--...!!

I'M SORRY...

WELL...

...OH.

IT'S JUST, MY ELDEST DAUGHTER WAS ATTACKED AND IT SHOOK ME UP...

HAHA.. THAT'S EMBARASSING.

NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THIS KIND OF TALK...

MY FATHER'S DEAD,

HE WAS EATEN.

YOU'VE PROBABLY HAD SOME TOUGH TIMES YOURSELF.

ARE YOUR PARENTS ALIVE AND WELL?

OHHH.

SO YOU DO KNOW...

OF THE BEASTS.

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BROTHER.

WHERE'S THE GUY CECILE BROUGHT BACK WITH HER!?

WHERE IS HE!?

THAT'S HIM, RIGHT!?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

MAT-THEW.

SHUT UP!! DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS!?

HE SAVED MY LIFE!

WAIT, HE'S OUR GUEST!

HERE,

REWARD
$ 6.000
DEAD OR A
VICTOR

LOOK AT THIS!

THEY CALL HIM "BLOOD RAIN" VICTOR!

HE'S A WANTED MAN WHO'S KILLED MORE THAN 10 WHITES!!

HE'S EVEN KILLED WOMEN AND KIDS.

HE'S A TERRIBLE MURDERER!!

THAT CAN'T BE!

THAT ...

DISAP-
POINTING

TRULY
DISAPPOINT-
ING

THAT GIRL'S
JUST TO MY
LIKING, TOO.

BUT HE MOVED SO QUICKLY. .

WELL... HE HAD A HUGE BODY...

... BUT LOOK AT YOU...

THE FOUR OF YOU WERE BEATEN AT YOUR OWN GAME?

AND BEFORE I COULD DRAW MY GUN, HE...

BEFORE I KNEW IT THESE GUYS WERE ON THE GROUND.

SEEMS HE WAS QUITE THE OPPONENT...

EVERY ONE OF YOU.

YOU GOT YOUR REARS HANDED TO YOU BY AN UNARMED OPPONENT!?

WORTHLESS!!

SHERIFF

TO THINK YOU KIDS CAN'T EVEN USE A GUN PROPERLY.

I WONDER JUST HOW STUPID YOU GUYS ARE SOMETIMES.

IT'S UN-PLEAS-ANT.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR EXCUSES.

I AIN'T NEVER SEEN SOMEONE MOVE SO FAST... OR PUNCH LIKE THAT!!

WAIT, SHERIFF!

HE... HE WAS A BOXER!

IT MAKES MY FOOD TASTE BAD.

STOP THIS!

SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOMEONE WITH A BIT OF BACKBONE EVEN AMONG THE BLACKS.

HMM.

HEHE... HOW INTERESTING...

THAT WILL BE GOOD FOR KILLING TIME.

WELCOME HIM.

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-PART TWO: COFFIN FOR THE WEAK, CHO! THE END!-

PART TWO: COFFIN FOR THE WEAK, CH02

GET OUT OF HERE, MAN...

YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THIS VILLAGE

IF THEY FIND OUT THAT YOU'RE HERE.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU FOR SAVING CECILE.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE FELLOW BLACKS PUT TO THE NOOSE!

WE'LL ACT AS IF WE DIDN'T SEE YOU.

I WANT YOU TO NEVER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH US AGAIN!!

JUST LEAVE, RIGHT NOW.

HM...

HI!?

!

NO NEED TO GET PISSED.

AND OLD MAN...

I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE THAT CHAT WE WERE HAVING...

I WAS INVITED HERE, SO I CAME. THAT'S ALL.

AH...

ALL... ALL RIGHT...

LET'S TALK OUTSIDE.

CECILE.

JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM.

STOP TREATIN' ME LIKE A KID. I'M FED UP WITH IT.

DON'T ORDER ME AROUND AS IF YOU'RE SO IMPORTANT HERE.

LET ME BE!!

IF YOU GET INVOLVED WITH HIM, THEN...

HE'S DANGER-OUS.

YOU'LL BE A LITTLE BRAT TO OUR FOLKS FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE!!
YOU STILL ARE A KID!!
DON'T WORRY HIM ANYMORE.
ALL RIGHT?
POP'S OLD.
AND HE'S ALREADY FEEBLE-MINDED.

BUT THIS HUGE DINNER TABLE...

YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING, CECILE...

POPS AND I MADE THIS TOGETHER-THE YEAR YOU WERE BORN

HE WAS SO HAPPY THAT WE COULD GET THE WHOLE FAMILY TOGETHER AT DINNER TIME.

PETE...

THEY ALL UP AND DIED.

ANNIE ...

DANI-ELLE.

AND WHAT OF IT?

THERE'S ALWAYS LESS AND LESS CHAIRS AROUND THE TABLE.

NOW WE HAVE LOTS OF EXTRA SPACE HERE 'CAUSE THE TABLE'S SO BIG...

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANYMORE FAMILY

I'M TIRED OF IT

I DON'T WANT TO

I DON'T APPRECIATE BEATIN' ABOUT THE BUSH.

SO, OLD MAN,

I DON'T THINK DOGS COULD HAVE EATEN THAT MANY

YOU SEEM TO HAVE TOLD YOUR FAMILY IT WAS HUNTING DOGS.

BUT THERE'S OVER 20 GRAVES OUT THERE

NO, I CAN'T... WE COULDN'T...!!

WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE DEFEATED HIM!!

N-...

HUH?

HOW'S ABOUT YOU JUST SPIT IT OUT NOW.

ABOUT THOSE DAMNED MAN-EATING BEASTS!!

WE WENT IN WITH THE RESOLVE TO FIGHT TO THE END... I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF MY FRIENDS DIED.

... THAT... THAT MAYOR...

... THAT DISGUSTING FLESH DEMON...

HE'S A MONSTER THAT'S EVEN FORGOTTEN HOW TO DIE!!

HE SHOT AND KILLED EVERY WHITE WHO WAS FRIENDLY TO LS BLACKS

AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE HIRED A TOP-NOTCH GUNMAN

TO BE THE SHERIFF.

NOW THE WHOLE TOWN'S FULL OF OUR ENEMIES...

WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A PLACE TO RUN TO.

WHAT?

THE SHERIFF WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP QUIET.

HM... WELL THEN, IF THAT'S RIGHT AND I GO TO TOWN.

YOU'RE GOING TO TOWN?

AIN'T YOU A WANTED MAN?

BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW, IF YOU'RE JUST PATIENT,

THEN YOU'LL NEVER RESOLVE ANYTHING.

I DON'T PLAN ON PREACHIN' TO YOU, OLD MAN...

IS IT TRUE?

HAVE YOU REALLY KILLED OVER 10 PEOPLE...!?

I WON'T SAY NO.

BUT I CAN'T SAY YES EITHER.

IT'S BETTER THAT WAY.

... I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

HE'S NOT SANE.

YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, RIGHT?

HE'S A MURDERER.

HE LIVES IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLD THAN OURS...

DOES HE PLAN ON FIGHTING THEM ALL BY HIMSELF?

MAN...

CECILE, HEY...

THIS IS ALL TOO WEIRD.

I'M SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THAT!?

IT'S JUST SOME WARRANT THE WHITES MADE!!

HE HAD TO HAVE SOME REASON, I KNOW IT!!

WHAT SHOULD WE...

WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE?

HOW MANY OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS DO YOU THINK THEY'VE KILLED!?

...THERE'S NOTHING TO BELIEVE ANYMORE...

NOTH-ING I WANT TO BE-LIEVE...

AND HAVE THEY EVER ANSWERED TO THEIR CRIMES, EVEN ONCE?

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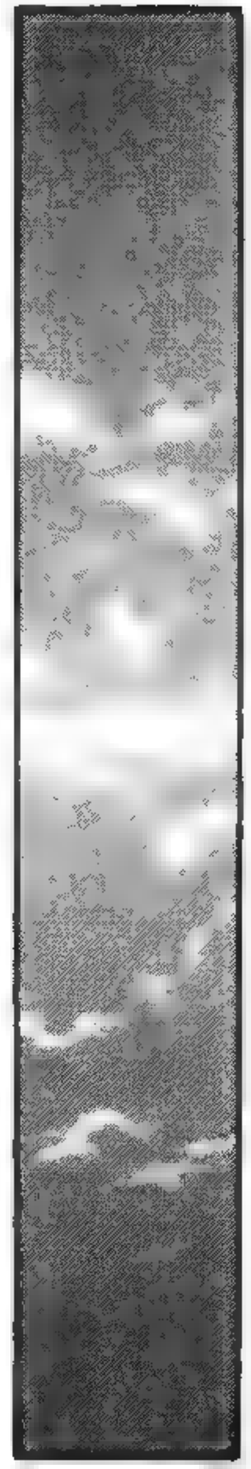


BASTARD'S JUST CALMLY STROLLING INTO TOWN...!!

THAT'S HIM!!

HE-... HEY, LOOK!!

PASS ME A GUN.

HEH... HIM COMING TO US MAKES THINGS EASIER.

WHAT?

FOOLS...

DON'T YOU SEE THAT HE'S MAKING FUN OF YOU?

BUT WAIT, SHERIFF!

I WILL TAKE HIM.

WE'LL GO, TOO !!

DON'T INTERFERE.

STOP BUGGING ME.

I'M FINE BY MYSELF.

GULP

DON'T FOLLOW.

BLASTER KNUCKLE !

THAT IDIOT !!

Ah

Hmph

IF THEY FIND HER SHE WON'T GET OFF EASY.

MATTHEW, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

.....
.....
.....

WHY...

WHY'D SHE GO TO TOWN...

SALOON

KEH.

GWAHH!!

GIVE ME A WHISKEY.

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY...

WE DON'T HAVE ANY ALCOHOL FOR BLACKS.

COUGH
...
COUGH
...

NEXT TIME I BREAK YOUR TEETH.

YOU WHITE-HOODED BASTARD.

WHISKEY.

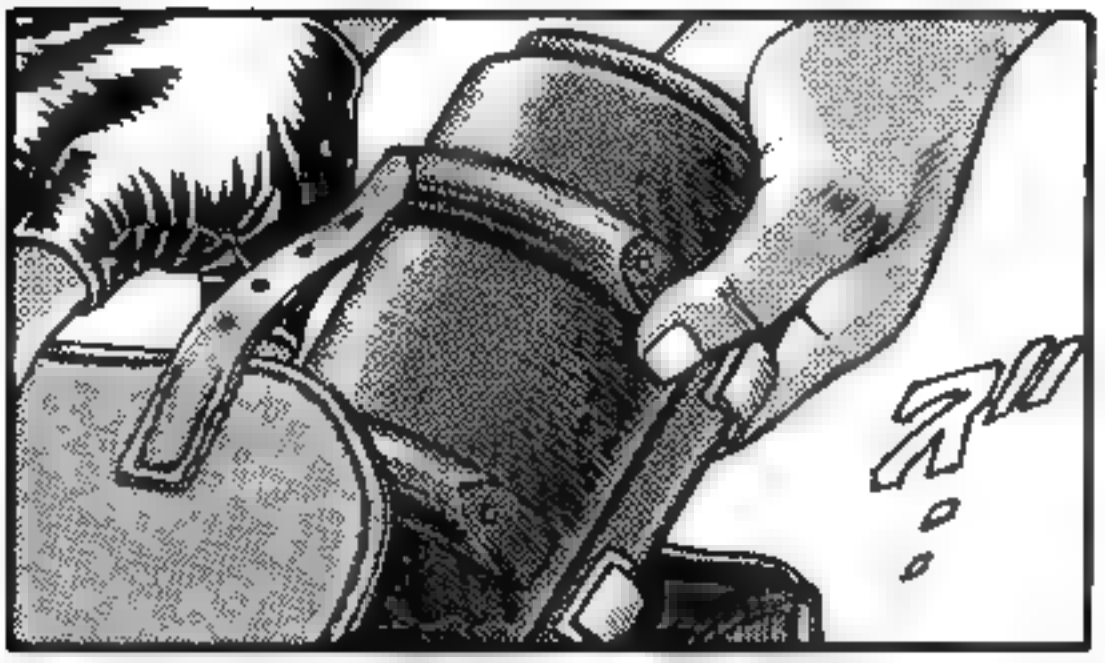
YEAH. THAT'S THE BASTARD

GO AND TELL THE SHERIFF

I'LL TRY TO KEEP HIM HERE

H- HEY, IS THAT HIM?

HMPH.



GRIP
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GET A COACH READY.

THINK ABOUT IT.

WE, THE WEAK WITHOUT SIN, HAVE ALWAYS CURSED AND LAMENTED OUR TREATMENT...

I AM.

ARE YOU GOING TO TOWN!?

MAT-THEW...

IN THE END, ISN'T BEING CONTENT WITH "WEAKNESS" OUR SIN!?

BUT...

... AND WE THE WEAK SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE NO SINS...

MERELY LAMENTING THE WAY WE'RE TREATED WON'T CHANGE A THING.

I THINK YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THAT...

I DON'T WANT TO MAKE...

WILL YOU HELP ME?

THIS IS A JOB FOR THE YOUNGIN'S.

THIS TABLE SEEM LONGER THAN IT ALREADY IS...

GROCERIES

IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOUR DIGNITY FROM UNREASONABLE VIOLENCE,

DO YOU PLAN ON LIVING YOUR WHOLE LIFE ACTING LIKE A SLAVE!?

THEN FIGHT AND WIN IT!!

SHH...

HEH.

HAH

I'VE GOT TO HURRY...!!

EVEN THE SHERIFF'S OUT NOW.

VICTOR'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE KILLED...!!

TAP...

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HEH...

DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LOOK FOR YOU NOW.

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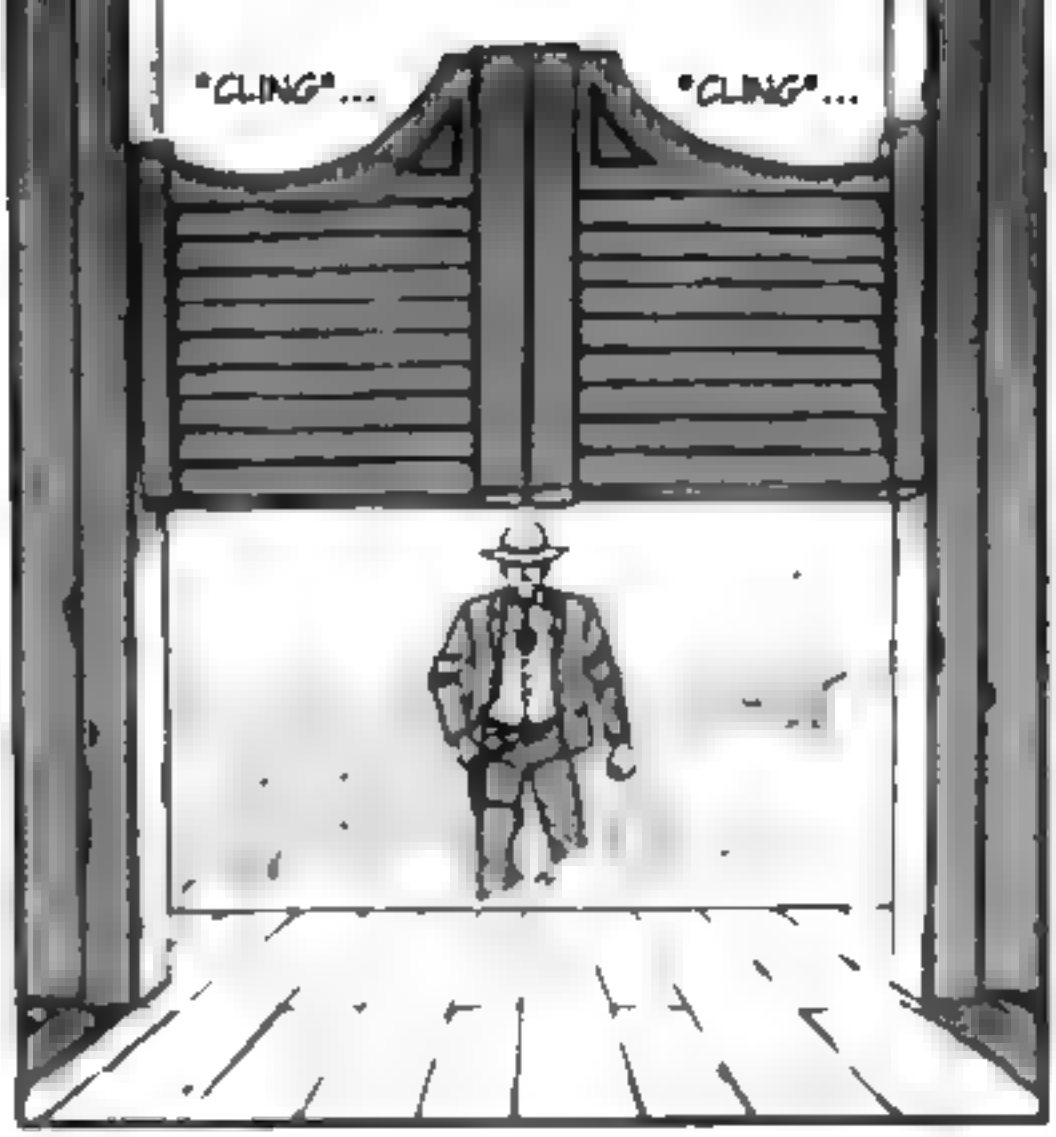
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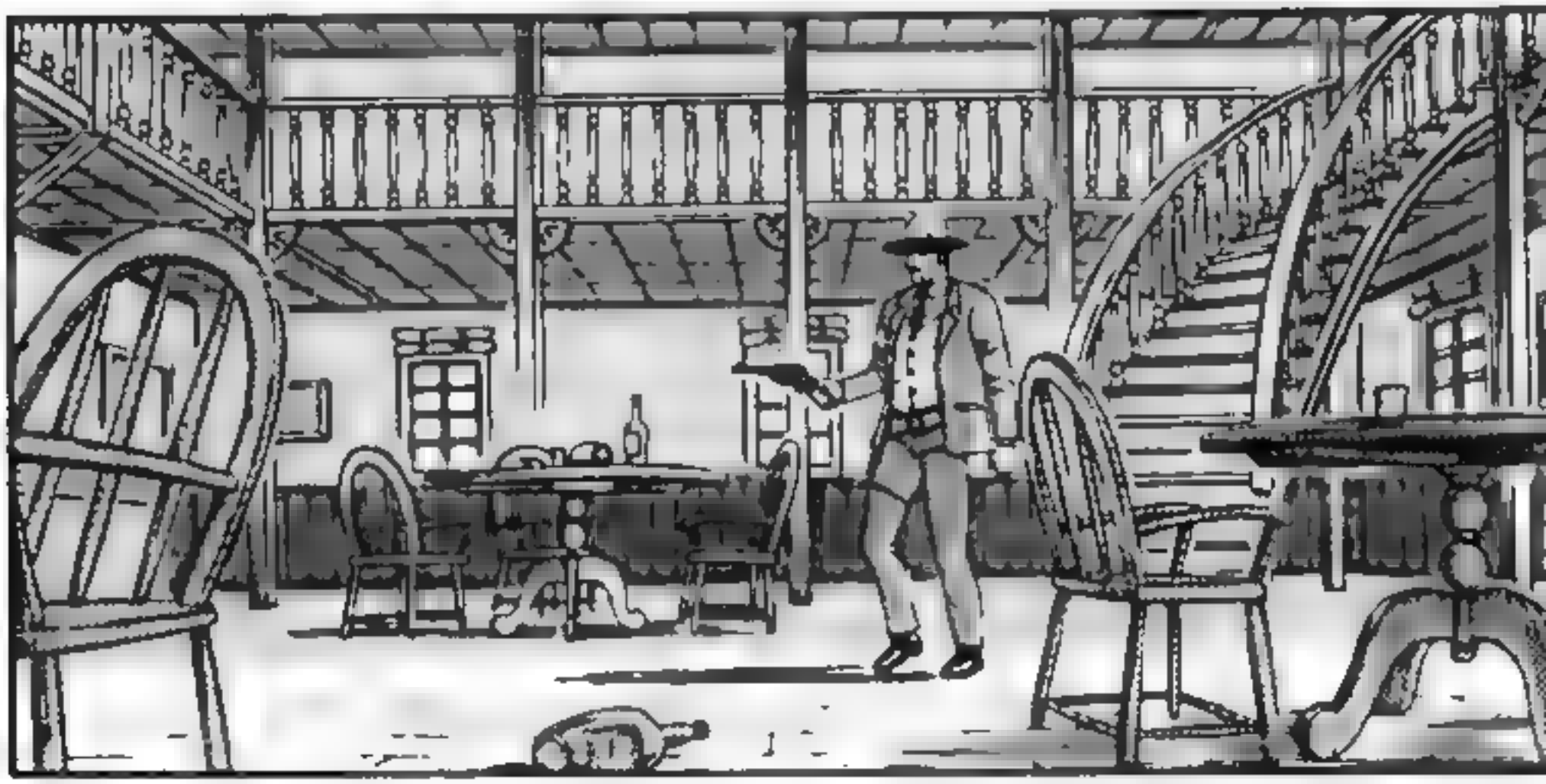

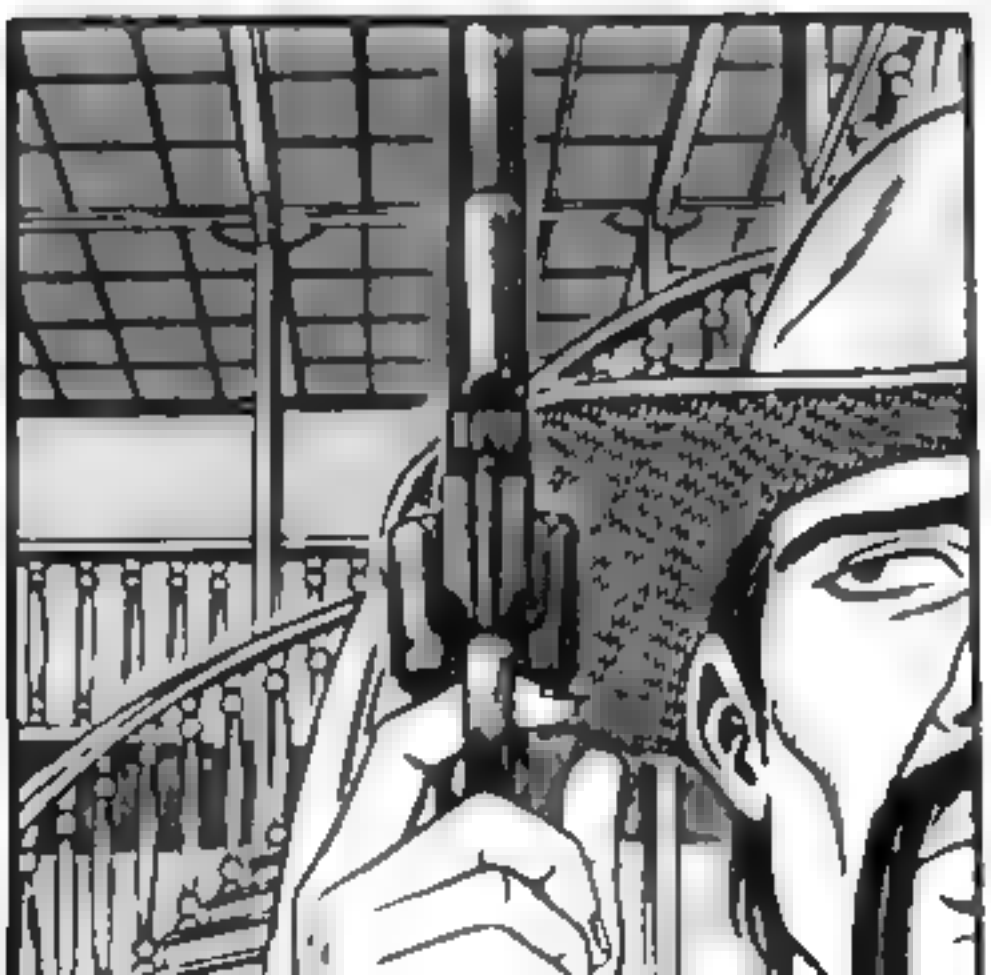

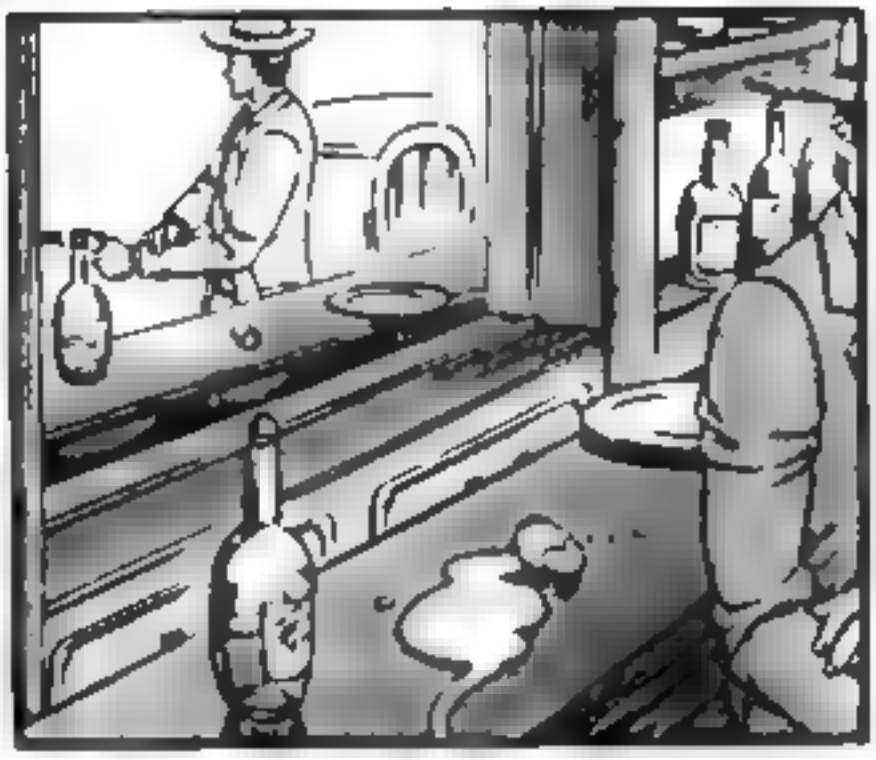

WHO WON?

THERE'S NO MORE GUN-SHOTS.

HEH, YOU KNOW DAMN WELL WHO DID.

THE SHERIFF.

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YOU BASTARDS...!!

I'LL PUT A BULLET IN YOUR HEAD.

JUST TRY AND RESIST.

WHAT !?

THAT BAS-TARD...

IS HE...!?

KH...

You're quite the coward...

That hurt, boy.

THAT WAS STUPID OF ME...

HE'S A BEAST, TOO!!

THIS IS NOW A PAIN IN THE ASS.

Hehe... It doesn't matter.

We'll ignore that one.

Let's try that again from the start.

THE BOSS SURE HAS A SWEET TOOTH.

NO REASON TO TENSE UP LIKE THAT...

HEHEHE... YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR SISTER.

CECILE ...

WE'RE OLD FRIENDS.

I KNEW THEM REAL WELL...

I KNEW YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS...

your blood tastes similar as well

I am sure_

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... Hehe... hey...

Grab your gun.

!?

"CLACK"

Killin' an unarmed man is boring.

I don't need that handicap...

We've got time.

Let's enjoy this duel... all right?

Hey, what's wrong?

Do it now!!

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...
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I'M NOT FREE ENOUGH TO PLAY GAMES WITH A PUNK LIKE YOU.

I'VE GOT NO TIME.

Annnsing!!!

I'd forgotten you were a boxer.

Heh...

Haha-hah...

Let us see!

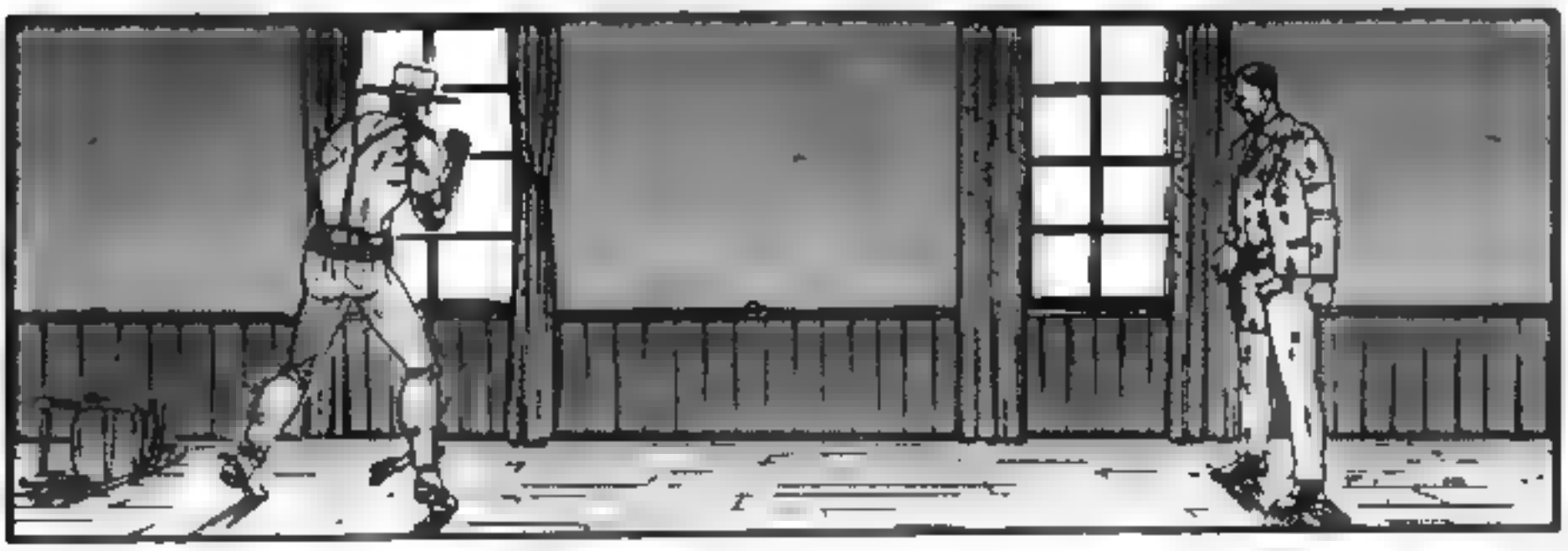
See if you can move faster than my gun!!

I'M FAR AWAY...

CAN I MAKE IT...!?

Duel time!!

I'll put a bullet through your forehead!!



ANSWER ME!!

SPIT IT OUT!

WHERE DID YOU TAKE CECILE!?

I SAW A GIRL GETTING TAKEN A FEW HOURS AGO...

BUT THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH US!!

I'LL TALK, JUST DON'T SHOOT!

W-... WAIT.

DON'T SHOOT, PLEASE!!

BAH.

NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU...!?

DON'T GET IN MY WAY. WHAT... THESE BASTARDS DID TO MY DAUGHTERS...

THESE BAS- TARDS...

BACK OFF!!

YOU THINK THAT EXCUSE WILL WORK NOW!?

YE-... YEAH, ME TOO.

OUT OF THE WAY.

JUST THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY'VE DONE.

YOU SHOULDN'T STOP US, MATTHEW.

WHAT!?

YOU GONNA BRING YOURSELVES DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL AND FOLLOW SOME RIDICULOUS DOCTRINE!?

CALM DOWN!!

TAKE THEM BACK TO THE VILLAGE AND WE WILL FIGURE OUT THEIR PUNISHMENT THERE!!

THEY WILL BE JUDGED!

YOU SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THAT.

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....
....

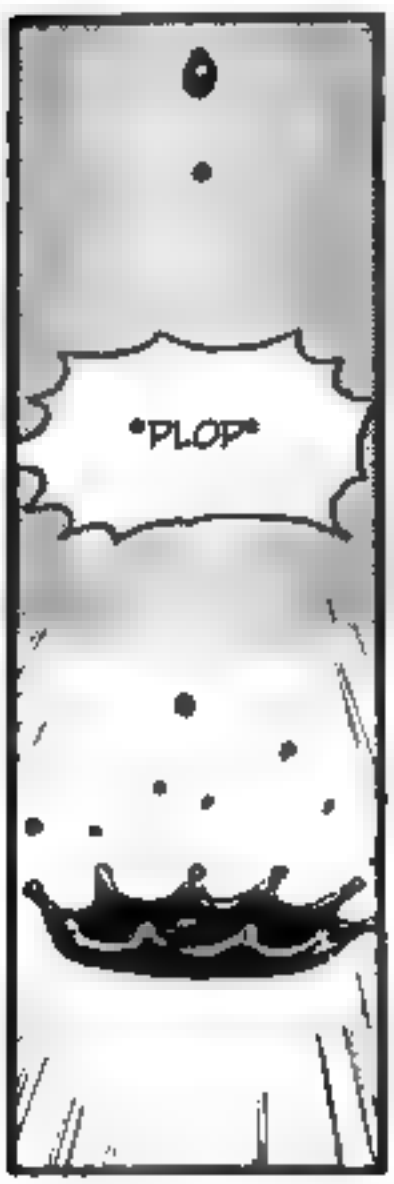
ALL RIGHT, IF YOU UNDERSTAND NOW THEN THAT'S ENOUGH STANDING AROUND.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME.

NO ONE LAY A HAND ON THEM FOR NOW.

THEY'RE HOSTAGES TO HELP ENSURE CECILE'S LIFE.

HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS.
DON'T DO ANY-THING FUNNY.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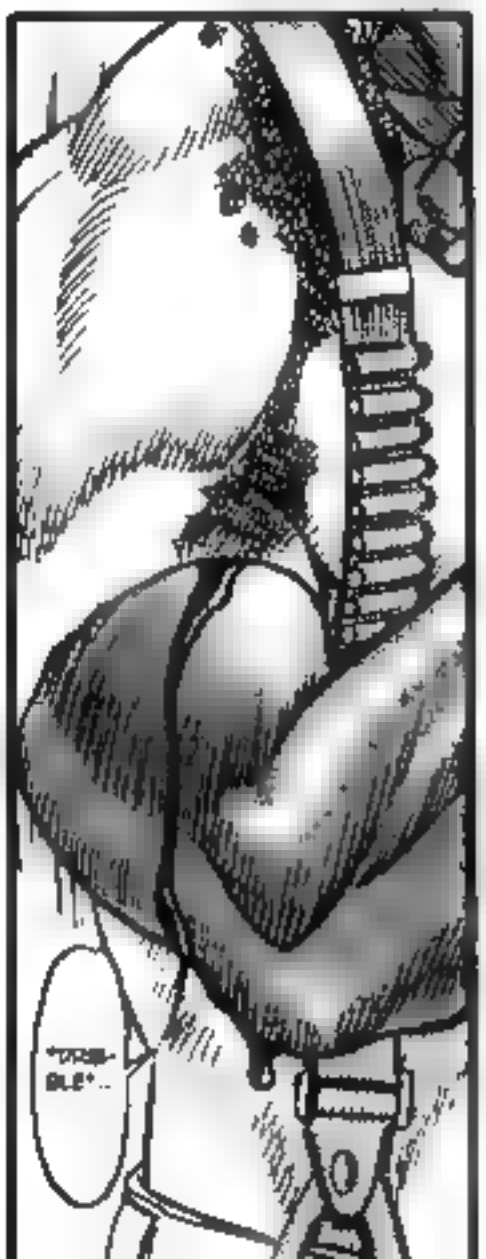
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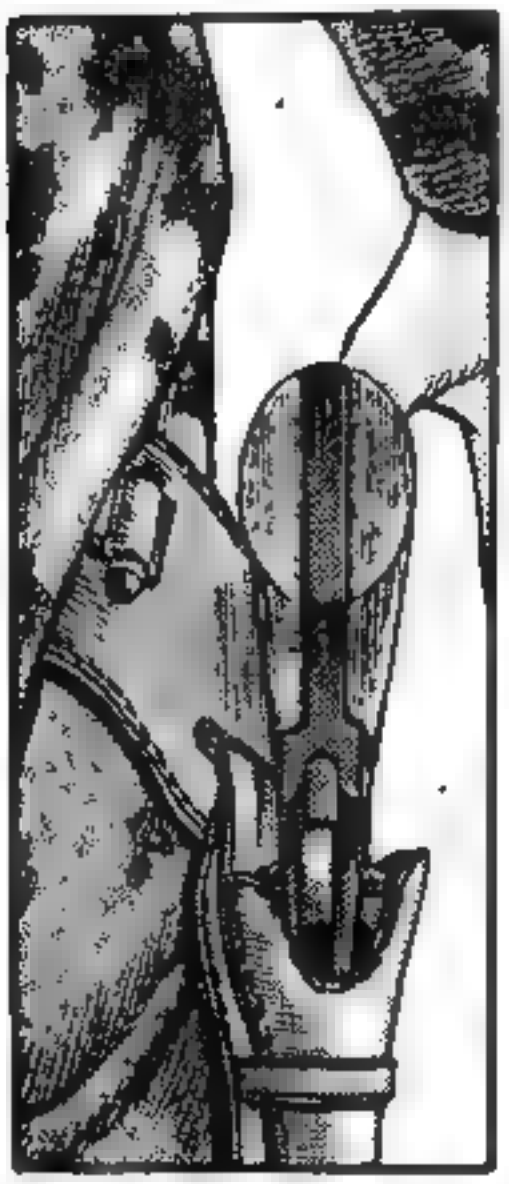

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SHH.

HAHA.

WHA-... WHAT!?

Hah...

KSHH.

!

IT CAME FROM THE BAR...

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WHAT WAS THAT GUN-SHOT...?

....
....
....
WAS IT HIM...?

Kah...
wha-...
what?

... was...
that...?

SALOON

BLASTER KNUCKLE ①

DID YOU BEAT THE SHERIFF?

GHH ...

HAAH ..

HAAH

I'VE ONLY TAKEN CARE OF HALF MY BUSINESS HERE.

OUT OF THE WAY.

LOOKS LIKE YOU TOOK A HIT.

CAN YOU WALK?

HOW ABOUT YOU ASK HIM?

WHAT?

IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER THE MAYOR, I'LL LEND YOU A HAND...

DON'T MISUNDER-STAND. I JUST...

I JUST WANT TO SAVE MY SISTER.

I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME.

KH... I DON'T NEED SOMEONE HOLDING ME BACK.

EVEN BETTER THEN.

YOU KNOW WHERE THE MAYOR'S MANISON IS?

WE'LL MEET AT THE MAYOR'S!!

I'LL LEAVE THEM TO YOU!

FOLLOW ME!

LEAVE IT TO US...

YEAH...

HAAH!

HE TRUSTED HIS SKILLS TOO MUCH.

A GUNMAN TO THE END...

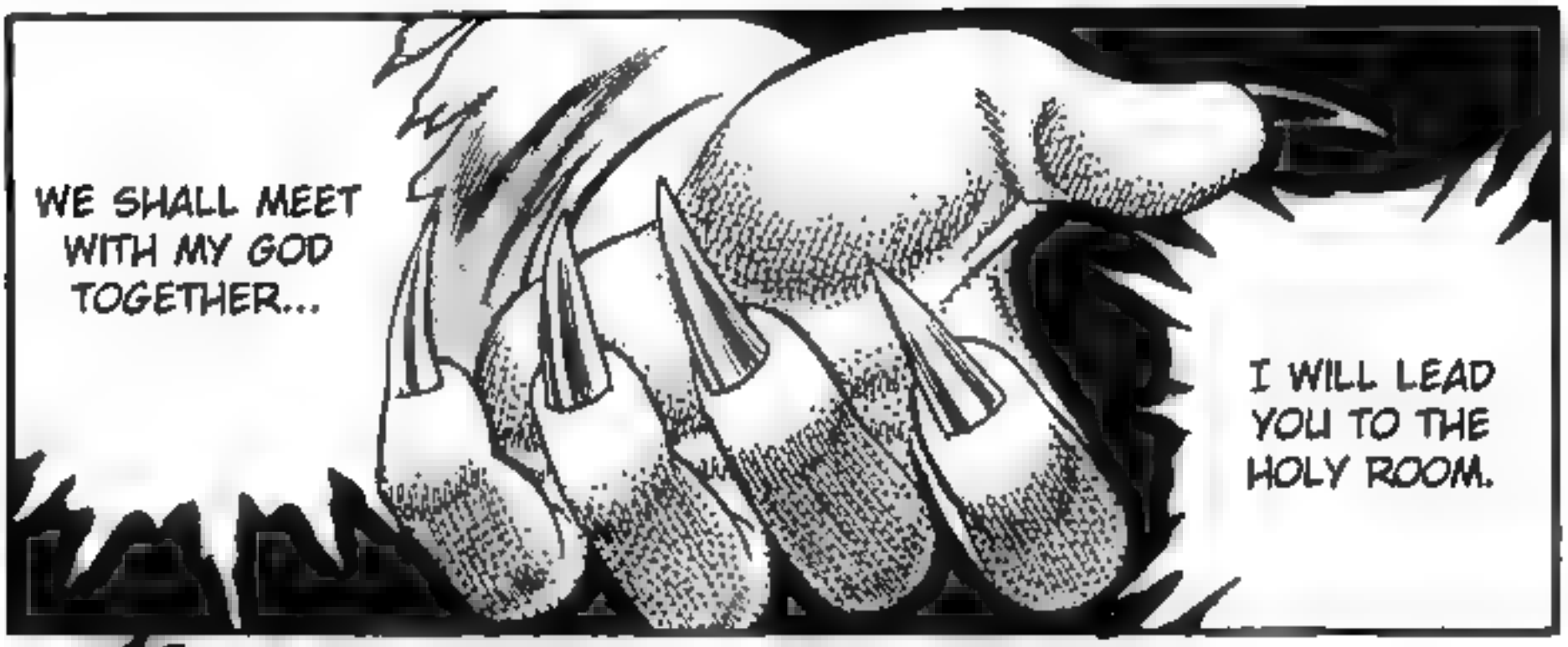
AND A GUN WOULD HAVE BEEN OF NO USE...

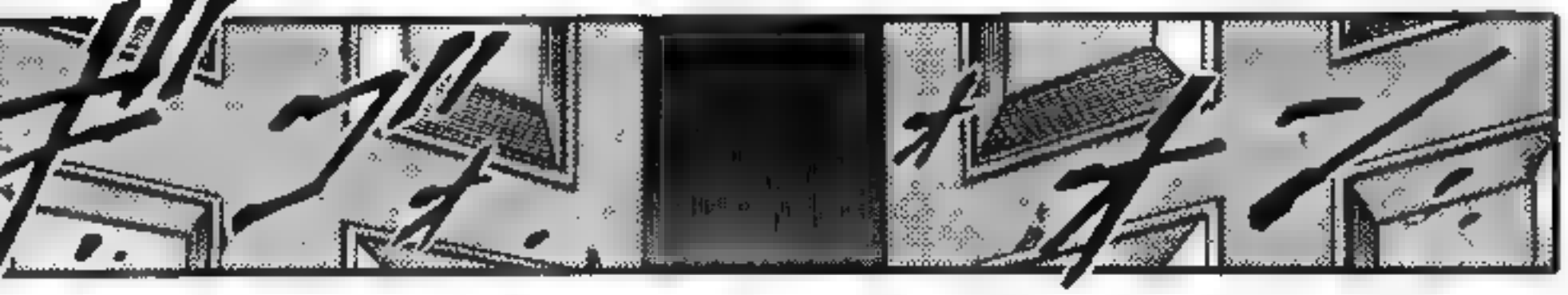
JUST A LITTLE LONGER.

HE'S NOT HUMAN...!? THEN... WHAT IS HE?

THE TIME TO MAKE A SACRIFICE OF YOUR FLESH AND A BAPTISM WITH YOUR BLOOD HAS COME.

CECILE.


WE SHALL MEET WITH MY GOD TOGETHER...
I WILL LEAD YOU TO THE HOLY ROOM.



DON'T LET ANYONE IN.
LEAVE US.

"FLOP"
...

TO THE DARK...

YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING YET...
BUT YOUR EYES WILL ADJUST SOON.

HAH ...

DON'T BE AFRAID.
WE'RE THE ONLY TWO HERE.

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

WHAT CAN YOU SEE?

THAT'S IT.

AH...

...
AHH
...

.....
.....

"KRRK"

AHHH

BEING POSSESSED BY DEVILS DRIVES YOU INSANE, YOU KNOW...

ALL WE SHOULD DO IS JUST OBEY ORDERS.

AND THERE'LL BE NO LACK OF FUN.

"TRK"

HE ALWAYS DOES THAT...

ALWAYS TORMENTS THEM LIKE THAT, THEN KILLS THEM.

SHH ...

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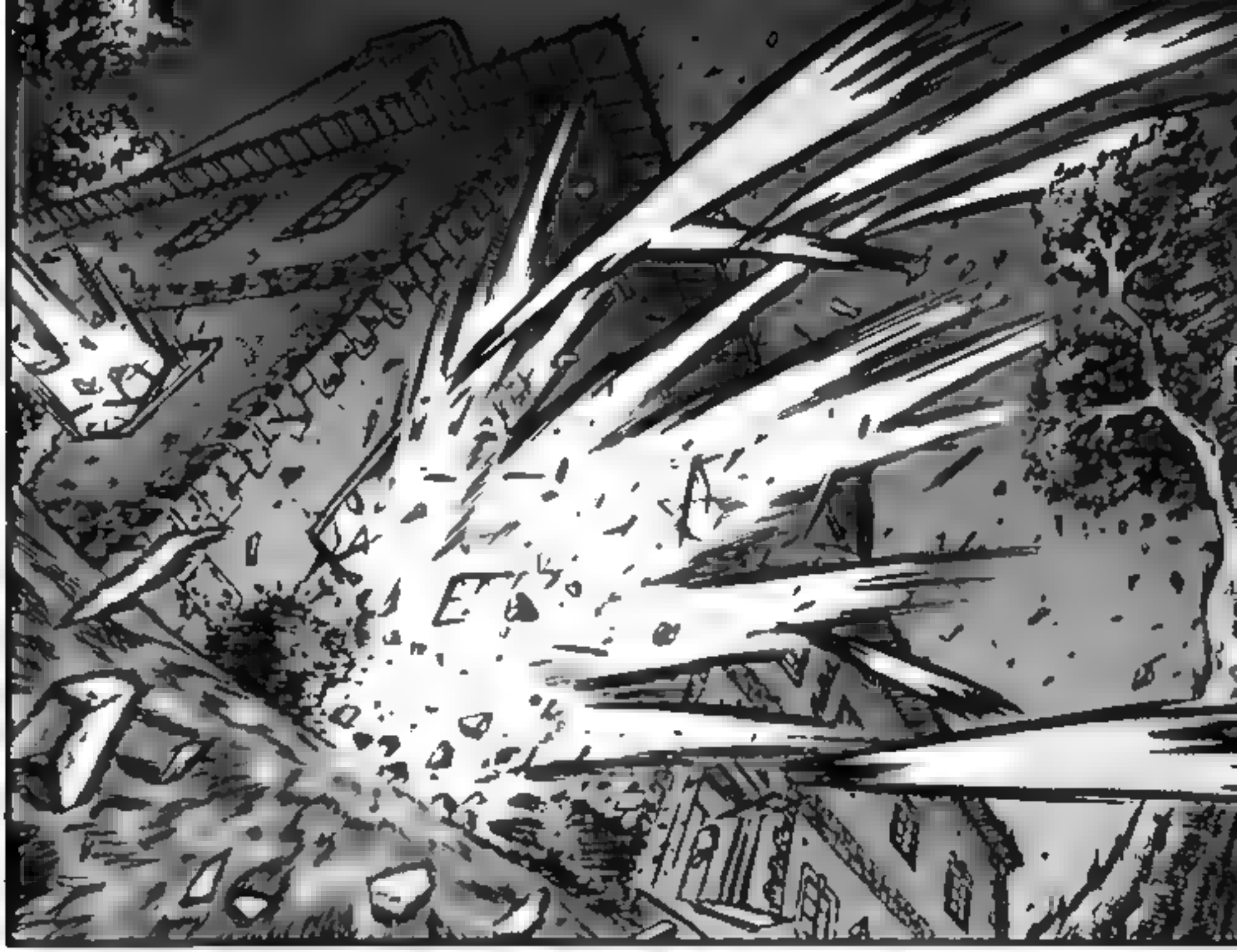

UGH
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CLANG

WHERE IS SHE!?

WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THE SUN BEING SET?

THE SUN'S BEEN DOWN FOR A WHILE.

THAT'S GOING TO MAKE THINGS HARDER!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

HURRY!

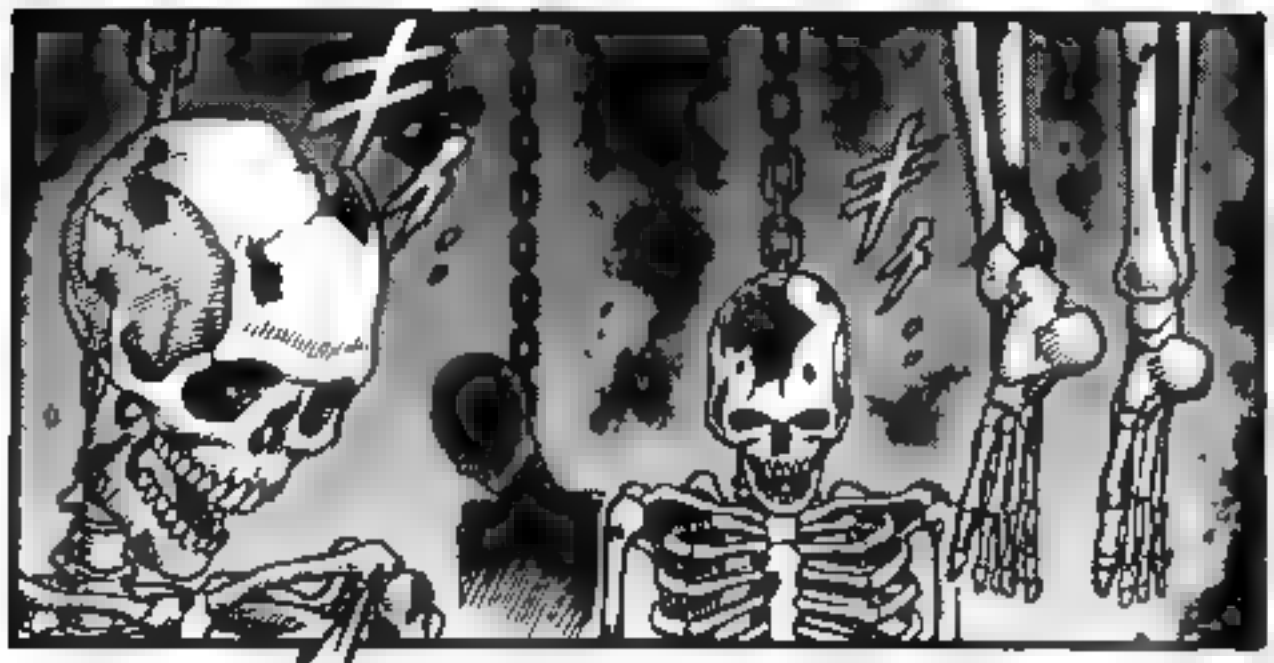
MOVE.

IT WON'T BUDGE, THE DOOR'S LOCKED!!

SHIT!!

!!

KRRK



AHHHH...

SO IT'S YOU.

YOU'RE THE IMPUDENT MAN WHO DARES TO RISE UP AGAINST ME?

... I PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY.

IT SURPRISES ME THAT ONE SUCH AS YOURSELF EXISTS AMONG THE MEEK BLACKS...

CE-...

CECILE ...

THERE ARE MANY FOOLS WHO DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRAVERY AND RECKLESSNESS...

HEHE .. BUT THEN

I DON'T PICK FIGHTS I CAN'T WIN.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME, YOU MAN-EATING BASTARD.

AND YOU STILL SAY YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF VICTORY...

I LIKE YOU.

HEHE... WHAT PRESENCE YOU HAVE...

I SEE.

HOWEVER ...

YOU'RE TOO LATE.

SINCE YOU'VE DEFEATED THE SHERIFF,

YOU SEEM TO KNOW MY TRUE FORM...

FOR THE DESCENT OF MY GUARDIAN DEITY!!!

I'VE BEEN WAITING...

I will consume you!!

You have no chance of victory here!!!

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WE AT CHINKARA, INC. HOPE YOU ENJOYED VOLUME ONE OF BLASTER KNUCKLE BY WAZARAI SHIZUYA!

SO, I'VE HEARD IT SAID THAT BLASTER KNUCKLE BRINGS FACE-PUNCHING TO A NEW LEVEL. I'D HAVE TO AGREE WITH THAT SENTIMENT. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'VE ALREADY HAD A COUPLE OF FACES PUNCHED, AND THEN BLOWN THE FUCK UP. THAT'S WHAT BLASTER KNUCKLE'S ALL ABOUT. FACES. PUNCHING. EXPLOSIONS. ... EXPLODING FACES. THERE'S MORE OF THAT SHIT TO COME IN THE NEXT TWO VOLUMES. THAT'S RIGHT, THIS SERIES IS ONLY THREE VOLUMES LONG. I WONDER WHY THAT IS? COULD IT BE THAT THE JAPANESE DIDN'T LIKE READING A SERIES WITH AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MAIN CHARACTER? NO. THEY'RE NOT RACIST AT ALL. WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY TRANSLATOR'S NOTES FOR THE CHAPTER.

NIGGERS.

OR TO BE MORE PRECISE, THE HISTORY OF JAPAN AND THE BLACK PLAGUE.

NOW, I TOLD YOU OF MY GREAT-...-GREAT UNCLE KIMOSABI. WELL IT TURNS OUT THAT HE BROUGHT MORE WORDS BACK TO JAPAN THAN JUST AIN'T (OR EINTO FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE WONDERING JUST HOW THE JAPANESE SAID IT). THAT HORRIBLE N WORD WAS BROUGHT BACK AS WELL. BUT THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN JUST THE WORD. THE JAPANESE PEOPLE COULDN'T IMAGINE SOMEONE WITH SKIN BLACK AS THE NIGHT. THEY'D ONLY SEEN WESTERNERS AND OTHER JAPANESE PEOPLE UP TO THIS POINT. BUT WHEN KIMOSABI SHOWED UP WITH HIS SLAVES, THEY WERE ALL THROWN INTO A PANIC. APPARENTLY PEOPLE WITH BLACK SKIN WERE DEVILS TO THE JAPANESE BACK THEN (NOT THE COOL GUYS THAT THEY SEE IN RAP VIDEOS EVERY DAY NOW), SO AT FIRST THEY WOULDN'T LET THE SLAVES IN THE HOUSE. THIS DIDN'T REALLY BOTHER KIMOSABI. LET'S FACE IT, ONLY HOUSE SLAVES WERE ALLOWED INDOORS. BEING A TEXAN, KIMOSABI MOSTLY HAD OUTDOOR SLAVES THAT DOUBLED AS HOUSE SLAVES WHEN HE HAD NO ONE ELSE TO USE.

ANYWAY, I DIGRESS. THE POINT IS THAT OVER A GRILLED STEAK MEAL THAT KIMOSABI PREPARED FOR THE JAPANESE AS THEIR HOUSE GUEST, HE EXPLAINED JUST WHAT THE AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE OUTSIDE. IN A WORD, NIGGERS. THAT'S THE ONLY WORD HE HAD TO DESCRIBE THEM AT THE TIME. HE LET THE JAPANESE KNOW THAT THEY WERE HIS SLAVES AND THEY ABSORBED ALL THIS INFORMATION. NATURALLY, THEY BEGAN TO USE THE TERM THAT KIMOSABI TOLD THEM AND, WELL, NOW WE HAVE THE TOKYO BREAKFAST VIDEO.

AND YET ANOTHER HISTORY LESSON THAT WE HOPE HAS ENRICHED YOUR READING EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU

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WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL RELEASE OF OUR HUMBLE SCANLATION GROUP, CHINKARA. I'LL BET YOUR WONDERING TO YOURSELF, WHAT EXACTLY DOES CHINKARA MEAN? WELL, THE TECHNICAL ANSWER IS THAT IT DOESN'T MEAN A DAMN THING. IT'S A PSEUDO-JAPANESE WORD MADE UP BY YOURS TRULY. THE BASIS OF WHICH IS TWO JAPANESE WORDS. THE FIRST IS 'CHIKARA', OR 'POWER'. THE SECOND IS 'CHINCHIN', OR 'PENIS'. I IMAGINE YOU CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING. IN ANY CASE, CHINKARA WILL LIKELY EXIST ONLY TO BRING YOU BLASTER KNUCKLE. NO OTHER SERIES TO CLOUD OUR VISION OF BRINGING YOU THE BEST 3 VOLUME SERIES THAT WAS EVER MADE. YES, THAT'S RIGHT, I SAID BEST. IF YOU'RE STILL READING THIS, YOU PROBABLY AGREE.

AND NOW, ON TO THE ACTUAL TRANSLATOR'S NOTES!

I'LL BET YOU SAW THE WORD "AIN'T" A FEW TIMES IN THE COURSE OF READING THIS CHAPTER OF BLASTER KNUCKLE. DID YOU THINK TO YOURSELF, "HEY, DID THE JAPANESE REALLY SAY "AIN'T" THERE?" THE ANSWER, MY FRIENDS, IS YES. THERE'S A LONG STORY OF HOW THE WORD "AIN'T" PENETRATED JAPANESE CULTURE. I KNOW THIS STORY WELL, BECAUSE THE WORD WAS ACTUALLY INTRODUCED TO THE JAPANESE BY MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-(SEVERAL MORE GREATS)-UNCLE, KIMOSABI WATANABE. KIMOSABI WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TEXAS-BORN JAPANESE CHILDREN, IF NOT THE FIRST. HE GREW UP IN TEXAS WITH A JAPANESE MERCHANT FOR A FATHER WHO ARRIVED HERE WITH THE FIRST SAMURAI TO SET FOOT IN THE NEW WORLD (ON THEIR WAY TO THE OLD, ROME AND THE VATICAN) IN THE LATE 1600S. HIS MOTHER WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A PROSPEROUS TEXAN FARMER. DESPITE ALL THE ODDS AGAINST THEM, (NAMELY, THEY COULDN'T TALK TO EACH OTHER AT ALL), THEY HAD SEX. LOTS OF IT. BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY ALL YOU CAN DO WHEN YOU CAN'T TALK. AND SO, KIMOSABI WAS BORN. HE GREW UP INTERPRETING FOR HIS MOTHER AND FATHER, (WHO FOUND OUT, HEY, THAT PERSON I'VE BEEN FUCKING THESE PAST FEW YEARS IS ACTUALLY KIND OF INTERESTING), AND SO HE KNEW BOTH JAPANESE AND THE TEXAN DIALECT.

THIS WAS HOW HE CAME ACROSS THE WORD, "AIN'T". BEING A NATURAL BORN TEXAN, HE USED THE WORD "AIN'T" ALL THE TIME. HE DIDN'T REALLY USE "Y'ALL" AS MUCH, BUT WE WON'T BLAME HIM. IT'S A SILLY WORD ANYWAY. KIMOSABI, BEING A NATURAL BORN LANGUAGE CONNOISSEUR, BEGAN TO USE "AIN'T" WHILE HE SPOKE JAPANESE WITH HIS FATHER. HIS FATHER BECAME SO ENAMORED WITH THIS, THAT HE BEGAN TO USE IT IN HIS OWN SPEECH. WHEN KIMOSABI WENT BACK TO JAPAN TO VISIT HIS FATHER'S FAMILY, THEY LOVED IT SO MUCH THAT THEY BEGAN TO USE IT. AND THE REST, MY FRIENDS, IS HISTORY.

I HOPE YOUR READING EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN ENRICHED BY THIS SMALL CULTURAL NOTE.